

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An A-system for forming a composite image in an image forming device, comprising:~~
~~an imaging source device that provides input image data of a document; scans an input document to obtain input image data;~~
~~a digital graphic element forming unit that processes user-supplied digital graphic element data; and~~
~~a composite image forming device coupled to the imaging source device and the digital graphic element forming unit, the composite image forming device forming that forms a composite image based on the obtained input image data and the user-supplied digital graphic element data; data, and~~
~~an output unit that prints the composite image on an image receiving substrate.~~
2. (Currently Amended) ~~The system-device of claim 1, wherein the digital graphic element forming unit being configured to read allows a user to supply as user-supplied digital graphic element data including at least one of a standard or individually user-customized digital graphic element wherein the data is stored on from at least one digital data storage medium; medium and to store the read user-supplied digital graphic element data in the digital graphic element forming unit of the image forming device.~~
3. (Currently Amended) ~~The system-device of claim 2, wherein the digital graphic element forming unit further comprises: comprising:~~
~~a digital graphic element input interface that is usable to input image data associated with the at least one of the standard or individually user-customized digital graphic element from the at least one digital data storage medium;~~

a digital graphic element selecting device that allows the user to select in the image forming device the at least one of the standard or individually user-customized digital graphic element ~~from the at least one digital data storage medium; stored in the digital graphic element forming unit in the image forming device;~~

a digital graphic element attribute adjusting device in the image forming device that allows the user to adjust attributes of the selected digital graphic element; and
a digital graphic element positioning device that allows the user to position the selected digital graphic element in ~~an output~~ the composite image.

4. (Currently Amended) The system-device of claim 3, further comprising a user interface in the image forming device configured to allow wherein the user can to select the at least one of the standard or individually user-customized digital graphic element from among a plurality of standard or individually user-customized digital graphic elements stored on the at least one digital data storage medium. in the digital graphic element forming unit in the image forming device.

5. (Currently Amended) The system-device of claim 3, further comprising a user interface in the image forming device configured to allow wherein the user can to adjust one or more attributes of the at least one digital graphic element.

6. (Currently Amended) The system-device of claim 5, wherein the one or more attributes include at least one of color, contrast, clarity, and intensity of the at least one digital graphic element. element with respect to one or more like attributes of the obtained input image.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The system-device of claim 3, further comprising a separate digital graphic element user interface ~~that provides by which~~ the user separate

~~discrete capability for controlling controls~~ the digital graphic element forming unit apart from an input interface by which the user controls the image forming device.

9-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the image forming device is a A photocopying device including the system of claim 1. device.

16-18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the image forming device is a xerographic An image reproducing device including the system of claim 1. forming device.

20. A method for forming a composite image in an image forming device, comprising:

scanning an input document to obtain obtaining an input image; image in the image forming device;

retrieving obtaining at least one user-supplied digital graphic element; element stored in the image forming device; and

forming a composite image on an image substrate output by the image forming device by combining the obtained input image and the retrieved at least one user-supplied digital graphic element.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, further comprising supplying the wherein obtaining at least one user-supplied digital graphic element comprises providing a to be stored in the image forming device to read by reading digital graphic element data from a user-supplied digital data storage medium.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein obtaining retrieving the at least one user-supplied digital graphic element further comprises selecting, by a user,

user via a user interface in the image forming device, the at least one user-supplied digital graphic element from among a plurality of user-supplied digital graphic elements stored-on the user supplied digital data storage medium, in the image forming device.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, further comprising adjusting, by a user, user via a user interface in the image forming device, one or more attributes of the obtained-retrieved digital graphic element prior to forming the composite image.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 24, wherein the one or more attributes adjusted by a the user include at least one of color, contrast, clarity, or intensity of the at least one obtained-retrieved digital graphic element, element with respect to one or more like attributes of the obtained input image.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, further comprising determining, by a user, user via a user interface in the image forming device, a position of the obtained-retrieved digital graphic element in the to-be-formed composite image prior to forming the composite image.

27-28. (Canceled)